

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-7 and 18-28, without prejudice. In addition, claim 8 has been amended into an independent format. Support for amended claim 8 can be found, for example, in original claims 1, 2 and 8. No new matter has been added.

It is further noted that as claims 9 and 12-17 are dependent on claim 8. As such, it is respectfully requested that if claim 8 is determined to be allowable, that claims 9 and 12-17 be rejoined in this application, as claim 8 is clearly generic to claims 9 and 12-17.

II. The Objection Of Claims 8, 10 And 11

Claims 8, 10 and 11 were objected to based on the use of an improper multiple dependent format. Each of claims 8, 10 and 11 have been amended to eliminate the recitation of multiple dependencies. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the pending objection has been overcome.

III. The Rejection Of Claim 1

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaenel. As claim 1 has been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot.

IV. Request For Notice Of Allowance

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

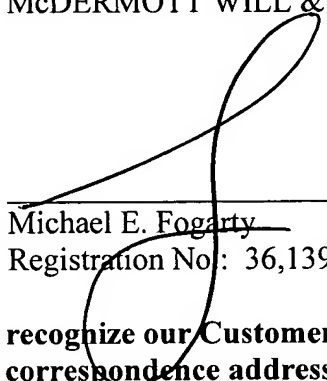
If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, an additional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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